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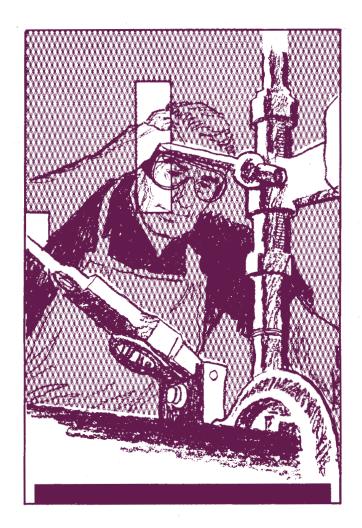
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KEEP YOUR MACHINE GUARDS/ DEVICES ON DUTY



Guards are put on Machines for one purpose... to Protect.

- Machines without guards or suitable safety devices in place must not be operated.
- Report immediately any defective or missing guard or safety device.
- Only authorized personnel should remove or adjust guards or safety devices.
- Follow lockout procedures when removing guards or devices for repair or set up.
- Be sure the main power switch for the machine is locked and tagged before removing guards or devices.
- Guards isolate hazards from workers. Safety devices also save fingers, limbs and lives. They protect from distractions, impatience and accidents caused by inattention.

- A guard or device not secured, or functioning improperly can create an additional hazard. Inspect guards or devices regularly and keep them in good repair.
- Manufacturer installed guards or devices may not be enough. Review the working purpose of your machine. If need be, install additional guards or devices at point of operation or other hazardous areas.
- Don't bypass guards or devices. Trying to speed production and save time only increases the chance for serious injury. Guards or devices are a vital part of any safe environment.

GUARDS DON'T PROHIBIT
OR HINDER,
THEY SAVE LIVES!